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Mr. John Bross

Becky and I wish you and Joanne a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays,



Robert M. Gates

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Dear John:

Many thanks for letting me read Deep Lie. I enjoyed it although I must say I preferred the characterization of the DDI in the Hunt for Red October -- I was a much more honorable and admirable fellow. Also, my mind reels at the bureaucratic and internal political implications of having an office director (especially in SOVA) who is the divorced spouse of the DDO. In any case, it was a fun read.

Speaking of reading, I have been invited to Harvard toward the end of next month to give a public speech on CIA and the academic community. The purpose of the speech is to explain why contact and cooperation between CIA and the academe is important and to try to allay growing concern that dealing with us endangers academic freedom. I have taken a first cut at a draft speech and enclose it in the hope that you would be kind enough to read it and offer me any suggestions or comments for improvement. Obviously, I would welcome your candor.